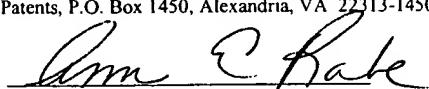




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AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, the response to which is due February 19, 2006, by virtue of the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 22 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 28 of this paper.